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THE WAR. TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE BRITISH FRONT

LOCAL FIGHTING NEAR LA VACQUERIE.

LONDON, Dec. 8.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
There was local fighting in the neighbourhood of La Vacquerie, but the situation is unchanged.
Our artillery and infantry fire repulsed minor attacks to the south of Bourlon Wood, with severe enemy losses.
The hostile artillery was active at a number of points, to the south of the Scarpe, and also in the neighbourhood of Armentieres.

LATER.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
The infantry action on the Cambrai Front, during the night, was confined to patrol encounters.
There was increased hostile artillery activity astride the Scarpe river.

GERMAN REPORT

LONDON, Dec. 7.
A German official message states:—
We cleared out the English from Marcbing.

VIEWS ON THE WITHDRAWAL.

LONDON, Dec. 7.
Mr. Perry Robinson, a Correspondent at Headquarters, states that we have surrendered nothing vital of our gains and the breach in the Hindenburg Line remains as wide as it was. Bourlon Wood, an acute angle in the salient, was a loathsome place, full of stagnant pools and corpses and continuously drenched with gas, until the garrison had almost to live in gas masks. The hill on which the wood is situated in no way commands the country on our side, as it does the country beyond. It is essential to us for an advance, and its loss might be serious to the Germans; but in their hands it is unimportant as a threat to us. The withdrawal in no way begins to convert our victory into a defeat, and the German attempts to inflict that defeat has resulted, chiefly, in colossal losses to themselves.

Mr. Percival Phillips, another Correspondent at Headquarters, says the shortening of our front is regrettable, but minor sequel to our great advances, but our net gains are still very great and we have still the Hindenburg system at our back. The withdrawal was most deliberate. Not a single gun, rifle or round of ammunition was lost, and all the captured German guns were withdrawn. Our new trenches were prepared during night time and were concealed from observation. The new front is very strong, and the men are excellently quartered.

Reuter's Correspondent says:—
Bourlon Wood extends over 600 acres. Its topographical conditions render it extremely undesirable to attempt to hold it in wet weather, apart from the fact that it forms an enclave into the enemy territory and is subject to enfilade as well as direct fire. That the enemy did not know of our withdrawal till the morning, during the night, they were laying heavy barbed wire upon the abandoned positions. Their infantry advanced in the morning in large bodies but were repelled by our gunners and great losses were inflicted. The area we deemed it militarily advisable to abandon is probably less than one-third of the total amount gained during the great Tank drive, a fortnight ago.

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THE POSITION ON THE RUMANIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The Times Correspondent at the Rumanian Headquarters, telegraphing on December 2, says he has returned from a visit to the Rumanian army in Rumania. The committees are formed mostly of pro-Germans who got hold of the majority of the rank and file in the towns near the front, which were overcrowded with soldiers from the trenches and who were listening to inflammatory speeches. One Division of the Sixth Army signed an armistice and the Division next to it fled on the German General and his Staff who came to discuss terms.

The army in Moldavia and Bukovina fraternized with the Germans and the Russian and German officers dined together yesterday.

The Bolsheviks are gaining the upper hand on the whole front and General Boguski, commanding the Fourth Army, has been arrested.

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THE WORK OF THE AVIATORS.

A RAID IN GERMANY.

LONDON, Dec. 7.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, states:—
There was great activity in the air on both sides, on Wednesday.
We carried out long-distance reconnaissance and dropped bombs and machine-gunned ground targets, during the day.
We bombed Gontrode aerodrome last night, and two direct hits with heavy bombs were obtained on an aeroplane shed. Other bombs burst among the buildings around the aerodrome. Bombs were also dropped on St. Denis Western Aerodrome and Douai railway station.

There was air fighting all day long. Five German machines were brought down and five were driven down. Five of our machines are missing. Another successful raid was carried out in Germany, today, all the machines returning safely. Details are awaited.

NAVAL AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The Admiralty announces that naval aircraft, on Wednesday and Thursday, bombed Uyksterke, St. Denis Western, and Engel aerodromes; Bruges Dock and various railway traffic, causing fires.

All our machines returned safely. During the fighting by the patrols, we destroyed two machines and shot down four, of which three were probably destroyed.

THE FRENCH FRONT

AVIATION ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

A French communiqué states:—
The artillery activity was lively on the right of the Meuse and in Upper Alsace.

Three enemy aeroplanes were brought down, yesterday, and eight were hit and forced to descend. We dropped 9,000 kilograms of projectiles, especially on railway stations and depots at Lichtenfeld and Courtemarch and on cantonments at Laon and depots at Roussart.

The enemy dropped bombs during the night, on Dunkirk, causing several casualties. He also dropped bombs on Calais but there were no casualties there.

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GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON.
June, 1916.

(For examples of investment in War Savings Certificates, see the other side.)

Examples of Investment in War Savings Certificates

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FUSILIERS' ANSWER TO GERMAN SHELLS

An incident which deserves to become historic is that of certain Royal Fusiliers who were out in the line of battered trenches and shell-holes along the Broon-belt, and the enemy was shelling them. They had practically no shelter, and the Germans knew the range of the positions they had recently lost, to a yard.

There was nothing for the Fusiliers to do but stick it until such time as our own guns could beat down the enemy batteries. Meanwhile it was about as heavy shelling as troops can be called on to stand. Then some one among the Fusiliers started singing, and what he sang was an army version of "In These Hard Times." Perhaps you know the song.

You've got to put up with anything in these hard times.

Other voices took it up till, from the whole line of shell-holes, where the men crouched with the dead in the blood-stained water and the fragments of trenches, where the living and wounded lay together, the earth shook to the shell bursts, and the air was thick with fumes and dirt and debris, and through the crashing and the muck the song rose rollicking on:—

Oh, if you live to be ninety-four
And carry on to the end of the war
You may get leave, but not before,
In these hard times.

WHY THE ENEMY MARVELLED.

Our men back in the support lines heard it, and they took it up. The enemy across the way must have heard it, too, and marvelled. The Fusiliers tended their dead and cared for their wounded, singing while they worked. They sang, bowed in their shell-holes, while the great shells shrieked overhead, or plunging, heaped them with mud, and still they sang.

You may get more or you may get less,
But apple and plum's your best—
I guess.
For the strawberry jam's for the sergeants' mess.
In these hard times.

Last night I was at an entertainment given by the formation to which these Royal Fusiliers belong, in a temporary lath and tarpaulin theatre which holds 500 men. One of the numbers on the programme was this song, sung by a lath and tarpaulin band, well known in the London music-halls in peace-time. Some of those same Fusiliers who had lived and sung through all that hell were there, and you ought to have heard those 500 voices swing into the chorus till it seemed that the whole tarpaulin roof belonged to the sound.

I do not know whose property the song may be, but I do know that all the rights, copyright, and title therein, with all the hereditaments and appurtenances, ought henceforward to be decided and vested in the regiment of the Royal Fusiliers, so that at least in billets, and on the march they may sing it as their own and tell in generations to come how in 1917 the Germans heard them sing it on the Broon-belt.

Some rain fell yesterday, but it was little, and to-day under a western sky a cold, dry, blowing wind, which must help to dry the ground. It still needs drying, for not only is our front line wet in places in what is practically marsh, but we know from German prisoners, as well as our own observation, that much of the country behind the enemy front is no more than continuous shell-holes half filled with water. Infantry action is confined to occasional raids on isolated posts on one side or the other. Both sides are using gas shells largely, especially in the area of Lens where the ruins of the city must fairly reek of gas, and life for the German forward troops must be hideous.

ENEMY BOMBING.

Apart from desultory shelling, which never ceases, there have in the last few days been occasional bombardments of sections of the front line, but the great majority of the artillery activity is counter-battery work. I have told in former messages of various ruses adopted by the enemy to save his guns from our artillery, as for instance how he sank his guns up night, fired a few rounds, and withdrew again; how he tries to dispose of his guns, regardless of their efficiency, in formations which we may find difficult to reach. He is fighting purely a defensive fight, and it is not surprising that he should be in terror of our artillery.

With the help of our aeroplanes we are continuously edging forward and our guns seeking out his batteries in each new hiding place, the majority of the enemy heavy guns are now far withdrawn, only isolated field guns remaining in forward positions. In spite of all his endeavours to evade us, we find and concentrate daily upon many new enemy batteries at various parts of the front, and when we do seriously concentrate on one of his batteries there is little chance of much of it surviving.

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LOST HIS TEMPER IN THE PROCESS.

Mr. Hugh Gibson, the First Secretary of the American Legation in Brussels at the time that the Germans polluted the town, has written "A Journal from a Legation," which will be only second in interest to Mr. Gerard's famous book.

Here is an extract of the story which Mr. Gibson relates in "Land and Water" of one of the preposterous generals who were in charge of Brussels under the German occupation. He tried to cook the official telegrams sent out by the United States Embassy and to delay their dispatch. Mr. Gibson was too much for him. This was in August, 1914.

The General himself is a little tubby man, who looks as though he might be about fifty-five; his face is red as fire when it is not purple, and the way he rages about is enough to make Olympus tremble.

The crowd of frightened people who came to the Hotel de Ville for laissez-passeurs and other papers all found their way straight to his office; no one was on hand to sort them out and distribute them among the various bureaux of the civil administration. Even the staff officers did very little to spare their chief and head off the crowd. They would come right up to him at his table and shove a piece of document under his nose with a tremulous request for a visa; he would turn upon them and growl.

REDDER AND REDDER.

"Just as with us, every one wanted something quite out of the question, and then insisted on arguing about the answer that they got. A man would come up to the General and say that he wanted to get a pass to go to Namur. The General would say impatiently that it was quite impossible.

"Then Mr. Mar would say that that was no doubt true, but that he must go because he had a wife or a family or a business or something else that he wanted to get to. As he talked the General would be getting redder and redder, and when about to explode he would spring to his feet and advance upon his tormentor waving his arms and roaring at him to get out of there.

Not satisfied with that, he invariably availed himself of the opportunity of being on his feet to chase all the assembled crowd down the stairs and to scream at all the officers in attendance for having allowed all this crowd to gather. Then he would sit down and go through the same performance from the beginning.

"I was there off and on for more than two hours; and in that time he did not do four minutes continuous uninterrupted work.

"I had my share of the trouble. I explained my errand to an aide-de-camp, and asked him to see that proper instructions were given for the sending of the telegrams. He took them and went away. Then after a few minutes he came gravely back, clicked his heels, and announced that there was no telegraph communication with the outside world, and that he did not know when it would be re-established.

"I asked him to go back to the General who in the meantime had retreated to the Gothic room and had locked himself in with a group of officers. My friend came back, again, rather red in the face, and said he had authority to stamp my telegram, and let them go. He put the rubber stamp on them and said I could take them. I said that was all very well, but where could I take them since the telegraph offices were closed. He went off again and came back with the word that the office in the central bureau was working for official messages. I got into the motor with the Italian Secretary, who had a similar task, and together we went to the central bureau. It was nailed up tight and the German sentries on guard at the door swore to us by their Ehrenwort that there was absolutely nothing doing.

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Back we went to the Hotel de Ville. Our friend the A.D.C. had disappeared, but we got hold of another and asked him to inform himself. He went away and we spent a few minutes watching the General blow up everybody in sight when the A.D.C. came back, he similarly announced that there was no way of getting the messages out on the wire; that the best thing we could do would be to send a courier to Hol and send telegraph from there. "I told him to go back and get another answer." Then came another fruitless journey.

By this time the wild goose chasing was getting a little bit monotonous, and when we got back to the headquarters I announced with some emphasis to the first A.D.C. that I could reach that I did not care to do any more of it, that I wanted him to get me the right information and do it right away, so that I could


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Hongkong, Dec. 8, 1917.

THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

2.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.—Bazaar at Union City in aid of Tientsin Flood Funds.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

5.30 p.m.—Recital by Mr. Denham Fuller in Helena May Institute.
9.15 p.m.—Boxing Tournament at City Hall.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, Dec. 11.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Blackwood, Pianos, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Houghton's.

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many cannot, with any hope of it being entertained, propose an armistice to France, Great Britain and the United States until she is prepared to accept the doom of her military autocracy.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

For giving a false name and address when passing a silk jacket, Mr. Wood today sentenced a Chinese to a fine of \$10.

H. E. The Officer Administering the Government has appointed Monday the 24 inst. to be observed as a General Holiday.

After the best championship final ever witnessed on the Kiangnan links, Capt. E. I. M. Barrett last Sunday defeated Dr. N. H. Bolton by 6 and 5.

Golf is the first European game to be introduced into the Japanese Court. The Crown Prince and his two brothers began playing the game several months ago.

The Intelligence Bureau at Canton informs us that it has been officially advised that the city of Chungking in Szechuan was captured by the Yunnan troops on December 4, and two brigades of Northern troops there have declared their sympathy with the South-West.

At the Mixed Court Shanghai last Monday before Mr. Grant Jones, British Assessor and Magistrate Kwan, the hearing of the claim filed by Heath & Co. against Shun Lee & Co. for \$30,000 for breach of contract arising out of the chartering of the steamship *Alma*, was the heard and judgment was entered for plaintiffs, subject to the question of damages.

It will interest many people to know that it is notified in the *Government Gazette*, with regard to the restrictions placed upon the importation of certain articles into the United Kingdom, that bond *vide* gifts of tea, up to the weight allowed by the postal regulations, and of sugar in parcels not exceeding one pound in weight are admitted, if sent through the parcel post.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Capt. G. A. Turner, 10th Yorks, formerly of Messrs. Ilbert & Co., of Shanghai, was badly wounded on October 4, and taken to the Red Cross Hospital at Rouen, with his right arm badly broken, three wounds in his left arm, one toe gone and his head wounded. The doctor gave every hope of his final recovery, but said that it must be many weeks before he could be moved to England.

The death is reported of 2nd Lieut. C. H. L. Symons, 5th Royal Fusiliers, killed in action on November 20th. Mr. Symons, who was the elder son of the Rev. C. J. F. Symons, of Shanghai, went Home for service nearly two years ago. The deceased officer was born in Ningbo in 1888 and educated at Trent College. He was much esteemed in Shanghai both in business and sporting circles. He was in the employ of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. for about twelve years, and beside being a volunteer was a member of the Victoria Fire Company. Much sympathy will be extended to his parents, who have now lost both their sons in the war, 2nd Lieut. F. C. Symons, of the Machine Gun Corps, having died of wounds received in action in September 1916.

Shanghai papers record with regret the death of Captain E. P. Sheldon, formerly of Messrs. Holiday, Wise and Co., and later of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon and Co. As soon as possible after the war broke out Mr. Sheldon joined up with the Canadian forces and on reaching England, he was given a commission and was subsequently gazetted Captain in the 11th Black Watch. With his regiment, he served in the Gallipoli campaign and had the misfortune to be severely wounded in the latter part of 1915. After spending several weeks in hospital at Malta, he was sent to England on convalescent leave and subsequently, after availing orders, received an appointment in H. M. Government service at Home, occupying this position until the time of his death. It is believed that his death followed an operation for appendicitis in New York.

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THE MAGISTRACY.

ALLEGED LARCENY OF CLOTHING.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the larceny of a quantity of clothes and \$45 in money from a house in Wanchai Road.

Both defendants pleaded not guilty. Inspector Sim stated that on the 13th May last, a house in Wanchai Road was broken into and a quantity of clothes and \$45 in money were stolen. None of the property was found until a few days ago when the Police arrested the first defendant. The latter brought them to the pawnshop where the clothes had been pawned. The second defendant was arrested on information given by the first defendant.

The case was adjourned to next Saturday.

ASSAULTING A CONSTABLE.

In J. R. Wood's court this morning a Chinese sailor was charged with assaulting an Indian Police constable at Wanchai last night.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. He stated that the constable struck him first.

Evidence was given by the complainant, who stated that the defendant and four others stood on the pavement at Wanchai, shouting and gesticulating. He ordered them to stop but they refused. He persisted whereupon defendant assaulted him and broke his whistle chain.

A fine of \$16 with the alternative of one month's hard labour was imposed.

FORGOT TO MENTION IT.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the theft of a quantity of copper from a ship yard in Yau-mai.

It was stated that a Chinese detective found the copper on the defendant and the latter was arrested as he was unable to give a satisfactory explanation for having it in his possession.

Defendant denied the theft, stating that he only forgot to tell his master when he took the copper.

A sentence of one month's hard labour was passed.

THE HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

UNION BAZAAR.

YESTERDAY'S PROGRAMME.

The entertainments for raising money in aid of the Flood Relief Funds, at the Hongkong University, were continued, from 2.30 p.m. yesterday afternoon until late in the evening.

The earlier attractions were the same as the previous day, viz. Side Shows, Chinese Boxing Booths, Chinese Blind Singers, Conjuring exhibitions and also the sale of flags and roses.

The chief feature of the afternoon was the Concert in the Great Hall. The artists were Miss Winnie Woo, who rendered pleasing songs; Miss May Woo, in effective pianoforte solos; Mrs. Chan, who also delighted the audience with her tuneful melodies; the three sisters Young, who exhibited graceful dances and also a Sailors' Hornpipe which was danced with great effect. Miss Rosebud Young also rendered a very effective violin solo. Mr. L. Day again presented his clever imitations of birds, musical instruments, etc., and also a Chinese woman singing.

Later on, the students of the University conducted visitors round the laboratories where many interesting things were to be seen.

The speciality of the evening's diversions, was the presentation of "The Merchant of Venice," in Chinese, which had been translated into the Cantonese dialect by Mr. Wong Yik Cho, and presented by the Arts Association. Four acts were played, representing the principal situations and scenes; the names of the places into the original work being altered to Cantonese places. The actors acquitted themselves in very commendable style and they were heartily applauded at the conclusion of the play.

The cast was as follows:—Shylock, Mr. Yeung Kam Ling; Antonio, Mr. Lung Wo Pok; Bassanio, Mr. Chau Tang Yung; Lorenzo, Mr. Leong Seow Ewan; Bolarino, Mr. Ma Tsung Cheong; Gratiano, Mr. Tsang King Ham; Launcelot Gobbo, Mr. Pui Siu Ching; The Judge, Mr. Ngan Shai; Legan, A Clerk, Mr. Wm. Thomas; The Judge's Secretary, Mr. Chan Kwan Po; Collectors for a flood relief fund, Mr. Chan Kwan Po and Mr. Shun Kwei Sang; Newspaper seller, Mr. Shun Kwei Sang; Officers of the Court of Justice, Mr. Pui Siu Ching and Mr. Chan Siu Wei; Epithet, Mr. Lai Man Wei; Verger, Mr. Tsang Yui; Justice, Mr. Chan Hoi; The Clerk, Mr. Wm. Thomas; The Judge's Secretary, Mr. Chan Kwan Po; Collectors for a flood relief fund, Mr. Chan Kwan Po and Mr. Shun Kwei Sang; Newspaper seller, Mr. Shun Kwei Sang; Officers of the Court of Justice, Mr. Pui Siu Ching and Mr. Chan Siu Wei; Epithet, Mr. Lai Man Wei; Verger, Mr. Tsang Yui; Justice, Mr. Chan Hoi.

ENGLISH LITERATURE.

LECTURE BY PROFESSOR WRIGHT.

There was a very good attendance at the Helena May Institute, yesterday evening, when Professor Wright, of the Hongkong University, delivered his third lecture on English Literature.

Professor Wright prefaced his address by saying that the two previous lectures had been introductory. He was afraid that if he were to continue to try to make his introduction to 19th Century literature complete, it would extend over the whole series of lectures. Having dealt rather fully with two aspects he proposed to pass from a general consideration of detail to the treatment of individual authors.

The speaker said that the general development of 19th Century literature had been from 1780 to 1830, the greater part of which was predominantly poetic and "romantic," but they had also the development of the historical novel. The lecturer said that the first of the authors of this period he would deal with would be Jane Austen. Jane Austen's position as a great novelist, although hardly acknowledged during her life time, was now recognised. It had been said that there would be another Shakespeare before there would be another Jane Austen, and, rather surprising as that statement might seem at first, it did give an idea of Jane Austen's unique position. The statement was not intended to imply that Jane Austen was greater than Shakespeare, but that she resembled Shakespeare, in that she had very peculiar qualities hardly ever found in other writers. The bulk of her work was quite small. She had left six complete novels—"Sense and Sensibility," "Pride and Prejudice," "Mansfield Park," "Emma," "Northanger Abbey" and "Persuasion." She also wrote some small works—an incomplete story called "The Watsons," and also another incomplete story, which she began during the last six months of her life, called "Lady Susan." Some of her best works were her letters and memoirs which were published in 1884 by her nephew, Austen Leigh. During her life time Jane Austen did not attain any very great position; in fact she had some difficulty in getting her works published.

"Pride and Prejudice" which was refused by her publishers, is now her most popular work. Again, her novel "Northanger Abbey" was sold in 1803 for £10 and was later bought back from the publisher, who had not published the work for the same price—not very encouraging for an author. Jane Austen, however, had her admirers, amongst whom were Sir Walter Scott. They had him stating in his diary that he had just read again, for the third time "Pride and Prejudice." He said: "I can do the 'boy-woman' strain myself, but the exquisite touch in the description of character is denied me. What a pity such a gifted creature died so early in life." "There," said the speaker, "you have an enthusiastic admirer of Jane Austen."

Continuing, the lecturer said that within the last ten years or so, more attention had been devoted to Jane Austen and a number of critical works had been written on her novels. This year was the 100th anniversary of her death; she lived from 1775 to 1817 and her life was the most uneventful that any great writer had lived. Born in 1775, the first 25 years of her life were spent at the vicarage of Steventon and were only broken by short visits to Bath. Her life was cut short by consumption. The lecturer went on to describe how Jane Austen's letters were extremely interesting as showing her attitude towards life. They did not find in her letters specially interesting criticisms of contemporaneous literature, but they did find criticisms of everyone with whom she came into contact. She was always on the look out for their attitudes toward life, their idiosyncrasies and their inconsistencies. She was not always sympathetic. Some of her comments upon people were almost cruel at times. All her works showed that she dealt with subjects and situations that might have taken place in a country house in England. She made minute studies of the provincial life of her time. They did not find in her novels any tales of adventure or any exciting incidents; there was absolutely no attempt to create interest by the introduction of heroic adventure. Her experience of the world was quite limited and she hardly knew where her power lay. She refused to have anything to do with literature dealing with topics which were outside her own experience. She said of herself that she was the most unlearned and most unimproved female who ever lived to be an author. She was absolutely opposed to sentimentality. It had been said that the

most heroic character in her novels was "Darcy" because he determined to take Mrs. Bennet's "as his mother-in-law." Charlotte Bronte says of her: "I do not like Jane Austen. She has nothing to do with the passions. She has not even a speaking acquaintance with the stormy sisterhood."

The lecturer then proceeded to read extracts from "Ere and Prejudice" and "Sense and Sensibility," picking out passages which showed the dominating vein of thought and mood of Jane Austen at her best.

Professor Wright was accorded hearty applause at the conclusion of his lecture. He will conclude his discourse on Jane Austen at the next lecture.

COMMERCIAL.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor's Weekly Share Report dated Friday, 7th December, states:—

Our market continues active, but, as recorded last week, does not seem to monopolise the whole of the attention and very little business has been done outside this stock. The ostensible reason for the weakness in the market was the withdrawal of so much money to finance the tenders for the Macao Opium contract, but it is doubtful whether this reason was such a big factor as it was reported to be.

The highest Exchange has no doubt weakened investment stocks, but this is looked upon as only a temporary nature. Shanghai market has had one of its usual relapses after a week which has shown at times, quite a strong appearance.

Hongkong Banks have come to business at \$250 to a fair extent during the week, but at the close the market is weaker with shares offering at \$210. MANDATE INSURANCES.—Cantons at \$230 and Unions at \$150 are both offering, the latter probably could be obtained under this rate. North China at \$115 are quiet. FIRE INSURANCES.—China Fire. A small business has been done at \$125 for cash while Hongkong Fire are a weak market at \$31.

DEFERRED INDICES have monopolised practically all interest in our market, rates having fallen from \$144 to \$142, whilst February has been dealt in as high as \$181 and as low as \$145. Douglases are offering at \$30 and Steamships have buyers at \$18 with sellers holding for a better price.

RAILWAYS.—China Steam could be placed at \$38 and Malabons have risen to a buying rate of \$35 with no business reported.

OLD AND MINING.—Langkats have sagged away to a selling rate of \$12, as at \$23 and Tientsin at \$8, and Trials at \$3 are all on offer. Shells have buyers at \$11/6 and sellers at \$11/5. Kailans are wanted at \$7.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Kowloon Wharves are a shade weaker at \$95 done for cash. Hongkong Rocks are wanted at a selling rate of \$8.4. Shanghai Dock's are wanted at \$7.2.

LANDS, ESTATE AND BUILDING.—West Points are wanted at \$79 and Hongkong Lands at \$85. Hongkong Hotels could be placed at \$80. Kowloon Lands at \$30 and Humphreys at \$25.55 are quiet with nothing doing.

COTTON MILLS.—Shanghai quotes as follows:—Ewos Tis. 17 Sellers, Shanghai Cottons Tis. 115 Buyers, Kung Yik Tis. 15.07 Sellers, Oriental Tis. 4.11 Sellers. ELECTRIC COMPANIES.—Hongkong Electric are wanted at \$48. China Lights at \$8 and Hongkong Trans at \$84.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Watsons could be placed at \$54 and Cements at \$7.60. Providents are in demand to a small extent at \$74. Ice is wanted at \$150 and Dairy Farms at \$15. Waterboats are required for \$12 and Steam Laundries at \$1. Fowells continue to offer at \$3 and Bopes have come to business at \$4.

RUBBER.—Singapore cables the following quotations:—Malaka Pines \$8.25 Malakoff \$4.50 New Serdahs \$2.00

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EXCHANGE.—The demand rate on London is 3. and the T.T. selling rate on Shanghai is 10.

SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Ilbert & Co.'s Piece Goods Market Report says:—

The definite resignation of the Premier Tzu Hsi, followed by the formation of a new Cabinet in Peking, promises to stabilise the political situation and to remove the grounds on which the "unlucky" leaders have based their opposition to the Peking Government. There seems to be a spirit of compromise in the air on the whole, though an abortive attempt at revolution in Chekiang province a few days ago created a little alarm and momentarily checked the steady improvement which has been taking place in the market during the past week or so. There is a decided upward tendency in prices with less hesitancy on the part of buyers, though very little has come forward so far from the more important centres such as Szechuan and Hankow, most of the buying at the moment being for account of the smaller Yangtze ports.

Current quotations for cotton from New York and Liverpool point to an ever increasing shortage of the American staple, and it seems probable that the consumption for war purposes, now that the United States has become a belligerent, will leave very little cotton open for commercial use. It is somewhat surprising that the United States can now buy China Cotton at considerably higher prices than those quoted as current for Good Middling in New York, a fact which would indicate an urgent need for supplies at the centre where Cotton should be most abundant. This coupled with the shortage of freight space on the Atlantic and the constantly recurring labour difficulties in China, coupled with the fact that practically all the cotton which is produced in that country will at least be maintained for considerable time to come.

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Members whose official numbers are given below subscribed the following amounts to the Association. The moneys have all been invested in Straits War Loan at 6 per cent. —

\$5,000.—No. 823.	3,000.—No. 703.	2,000.—No. 219.	1,500.—No. 814.	1,500.—No. 577.	1,100.—No. 780, 773.	1,000.—No. 732, 201, 237.	800.—No. 448, 833.	750.—No. 600.	650.—No. 183, 442.	635.—No. 827.	630.—374.	600.—No. 330, 449, 135.	503.—No. 824.	500.—No. 308.	500.—No. 457, 17, 512, 787, 1, 219, 715, 754.	400.—No. 210, 790, 680, 454.	350.—No. 723, 726.	320.—No. 184.	300.—No. 477, 511, 414, 387, 47, 507.	250.—No. 775.	250.—No. 818, 785, 604, 201, 818.	240.—No. 470, 533, 86.	225.—No. 755, 634, 653.	200.—No. 623, 205, 330, 624, 27.	181, 318, 396, 571, 512, 47, 727, 830.	160.—No. 682.	150.—No. 208, 208, 809.	130.—No. 650, 400, 216, 580, 185.	125.—No. 735.	100.—No. 348, 502, 623, 607, 45, 491.	600, 118, 128, 274, 63, 14.	348, 232, 558, 638, 719, 791.	272, 479, 674, 206, 888, 502.	500, 480, 757, 504, 878.	80.—No. 86, 118, 157, 700, 548.	75.—No. 118, 122, 144.	70.—No. 124, 709, 600.	60.—No. 346, 419, 77, 432.	50.—No. 99, 330, 877, 62, 759, 254.	742, 740, 804, 709, 777, 117.	118, 788, 825, 129, 135, 137.	277, 278, 141, 146, 471, 472.	307, 20, 558, 319, 480, 681.	95, 754, 750, 784, 710.	40.—No. 551, 276, 143, 209, 163.	604, 759.	35.—No. 300, 133.	30.—No. 331, 779, 810, 739, 775.	608, 607, 75, 79, 124, 131.	379, 541, 702, 386, 361, 240.	541.	25.—No. 358, 424, 399, 45, 82, 635.	71, 675, 128, 130, 134, 138.	142, 145, 279, 120, 287, 215.	701, 80, 212, 424.	20.—No. 170, 171, 635, 63, 63, 305.	72, 78, 78, 270, 271, 123.	147, 508, 104, 271.	15.—No. 504, 709, 609, 683, 152.	140, 154, 155, 9.	10.—No. 200, 298, 352, 781, 70, 267.	350, 8, 593, 484, 812, 121.	474, 150, 497, 701, 86, 601.	628, 777, 718, 13, 299, 608.	421.	5.—No. 228, 297, 83, 575, 60, 11.	57, 160, 228, 708, 738, 465.	308, 505, 504, 007, 737, 593.	601, 127, 148, 161, 162, 163.	164, 172, 498, 212, 217, 218.	153, 156, 157, 18, 507, 687.	688, 689, 129.
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TELEGRAMS.

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AMERICA AND AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WAR.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. The Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, in submitting a resolution declaring war on Austria-Hungary, said, amid cheers, that President Wilson would ask Congress to declare war on Turkey and Bulgaria later, if he deemed it expedient, but he thought such action at present would not be wise.

The House agreed to take up the resolution on Friday, probably for its immediate passage.

The Report of the Committee, which accompanies the resolution, recalls the acts of the Austrian naval forces which have caused a state of war to exist for many months, and refers to the Italian situation, where, it says, a serious blow against Italy threatens the Allies' cause, which is equally the cause of the United States. It also states that the United States is sending ships, money and supplies to Italy and probably will send more troops. The report concludes: "This declaration of war will lighten the Italian people who have been misled by German propaganda and will militarily strengthen the whole of the Allied cause."

GERMAN CONSPIRACY TO FOMENT REVOLUTION IN INDIA.

A PLEA OF GUILTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8. A German named von Brinken, formerly connected with the German Consulate here, Rudick, the German ex-consul at Honolulu, and Schroeder, his successor, have pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to foment a revolution in India.

Von Brinken said they thought, by pleading guilty, they would best serve the interest of their country, by avoiding further exposures in the Court, adding "the less said about these cases, the better for Germany."

WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA TO BE ORGANISED.

SYDNEY, Dec. 7. Mr. Hughes addressed a stirring appeal to an enormous and enthusiastic audience of women at Her Majesty's Theatre, stating that he intended to organise the women of Australia with a view to freeing the men.

THE FRANCHISE IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 7. The Federal Government has now authorised men under 21 years of age who have enlisted to vote in the Referendum, although they may not have yet served abroad.

BOXERS AND THE WAR.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 7. Jimmy Clabby, the well known boxer, has enlisted and advises all American boxers in Australia to do likewise.

MADAME MELBA'S POLITICAL SYMPATHIES.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 7. Madame Melba has enlisted from America, appealing to the women of Australia to vote for the Government.

A MARK OF PROTEST AGAINST THE LANDSDOWNE LETTER.

SYDNEY, Dec. 7. Mr. Hope, a solicitor of Ipswich, has presented his second Malayan battle-plate, as a mark of protest against Lord Lansdowne's letter.

It is said that Germany is calling up fresh classes further and further in advance of the proper date. The 1919 class has already yielded prisoners. Continuation of present rate means that boys of 15 will be fighting by Christmas 1918. The German increasing difficulty in filling up their divisions is the cardinal fact of the war.

A GERM DESTROYER.

THERE is no danger whatever from a look at the new German submarine. It is an anti-aircraft destroyer, which can cause a great deal of trouble to the enemy without being detected and in one third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH WITHDRAWAL AROUND CAMBRIJ. EXPLAINED.

LONDON, Dec. 6. Reuters Correspondent at Headquarters, in explaining General Sir Julian Byng's withdrawal around Cambrai, says that we have fallen back deliberately and successfully upon a well-chosen line which rules out the salient made by Bourlon Wood, and which should enable us to maintain our hold upon the captured length of the Hindenburg Line against whatever pressure the Germans may apply in order to recover this loss. Bourlon Wood certainly possessed certain advantages as an observation post, but such advantages may prove very much too costly to retain unless they are immediately utilisable. Phenomenally fine weather prevails, but it may change any day, thus finally breaking up the campaigning season.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Dec. 7. A German official report states:—We stormed trenches southward and south-westward of Moeuvres. We pressed forward over the Bapaume-Cambrai road. The enemy evacuated forward positions between Moeuvres and Maroing, withdrawing to the heights northward and eastward of Flesquières.

We captured Graincourt, Aeneux, Containg and Noyelles, and the heights northward of Maroing, penetrating four kilometres on a front of ten kilometres. The retreating enemy set fire to villages.

Our prisoners are now 9,000, guns 148, and machine-guns 716.

HEAVY ATTACKS REPULSED BY THE ITALIANS.

LONDON, Dec. 6. An Italian official report states:—The enemy, after the failure of a frontal attack, attempted to carry from the rear with crushing numerical preponderance the Maletta strong point. We resisted stubbornly, constantly counter-attacking, and only yielded ground when reinforcements garrisoned the redoubtable defence.

We repulsed heavily a powerful attempt in the Upper Brenta Valley.

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CANTON LOCAL RED CROSS WORKERS.

The following is a report of shipments made to Egypt by the Canton Local Red Cross Workers, during October and November.

Through the kind generosity of Shamsen and Canton friends, numerous Christmas gifts for the wounded were included in the cases.

On October 10th: One Case to Colonel Gordon Hall, R.A.M.C., Cairo, containing the following:—4 doz. surgical masks, 7 eye bandages, 6 roller bandages, 40 T. bandages, 18 many-tailed bandages, 68 triangular bandages, 1 vest, 1 surgical coat, 2 bed jackets, 11 shirts, 18 ward cloths, 10 tray cloths, 1 pair pyjamas, 5 kimonoes, 18 pairs of socks, 1 Japanese fly catcher, 11 pairs of braces, 10 collars, books and magazines.

On November 23rd: Cases to Colonel Gordon Hall, R.A.M.C., Cairo, containing the following:—32 shirts, 18 pyjamas, 6 bed jackets, 25 pairs of socks, 5 pairs surgical stockings, 10 surgical masks, 8 surgical caps, 27 triangular bandages, 48 many-tailed bandages, 71 T. bandages, 22 eye bandages, 142 Khaki and white handkerchiefs, 10 knitted wool-hen caps, 1 knitted helmet, 1 pair knee-caps, 1 floor cloth, 2 pillow cases, 1 dressing gown, 22 cigarettes cases, 34 pipes, 12 tobacco pouches, 4 cigar cases, 12 cigarettes holders, 10 packets Raven cigarettes, 600 Size Roe cigarettes, 20 tins Raven cigarettes, 400 Salu cigarettes, 1,000 Capstan cigarettes, 600 Reina Victoria cigars, 200 Minerva cigars, 7 large tins Capstan Navy Cut tobacco, 48 tins Raven cigarettes, 5 tins Capstan cigarettes, 4 tins Embassy cigarettes, 8 tins Glasgow cigarettes, 1 lb. Bull-Durham tobacco, 60 lbs. sugar, 6 doz. tins chocolate and milk, 6 boxes preserved ginger, 4 boxes biscuits, 10 bottles sweets, 11 tins U. All No Nuts, 2 tins Cadbury's chocolate, 84 cakes soap, 5 metal soap boxes and soap, 7 packets Life-Buoy's soap, 29 tubes tooth paste, 17 tins shaving soap, 12 shaving brushes, 41 tooth brushes, 61 metal combs, 8 tins boot polish, 6 leather belts, 1 mouth organ, 68 new packs Rambler cards and 12 used packs of cards.

On November 24th One Case to the Station, 36th Stationary Hospital, Mohammediya, Sinai Peninsula:—5 new flannel shirts, 5 old cellular shirts, 5 white duck trousers, short, 6 white duck trousers long, 6 white duck coats, 3 shrouds, 8 eye bandages, 17 hospital coats, 1 pierrot suit, 1 bundle old linen, 1 lot old towels, 8 cellular singlets, 2 after-noon tea-cloths, 2 pairs mosquito proof stockings, 6 thin-cloths (white alpaca), 3 thin waistcoats, 6 flannel shirts, 4 pairs flannel trousers, 4 pairs flannel bandages, 5 cholera belts, 1 pair khaki putties, large quantity socks, black and white, thick and thin, 14 pairs boots and shoes, 5 bottles sweets, 2 tins chocolates, 1 box cigars, 20 packs of cards, 21 tins cigarettes, 1 box counters, 3 bottles sweets, 2 tins Cadbury's chocolates, 2 tins jam and 2 tins cigarettes.

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NIPPON YUSEN RAISHA.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR PAST HALF-YEAR.

The regular general meeting of shareholders of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha was held at the Tokio Chamber of Commerce building recently to receive the report and accounts for the second half of the present year, namely from April 1st to September 30th.

The following is the business report of the Company for the term, as translated by the Japan Gazette:—During the period under review the Company employed 101 vessels of its own, aggregating over 44,000 tons, both in the domestic and foreign services, and upwards of twenty chartered vessels. The cargo carried amounted to over 2,850,000 tons, and the passengers numbered over 132,000. The distance covered by these steamers totalled 2,816,000 nautical miles.

The Shipping Service.—Owing to the activity in commercial and industrial circles, and to the scarcity of vessels, the business of the Company on the coasting service was active. Especially was this the case between the Hokkaido and the Main Island, and between Fuzhou and the Main Island. The passengers showed an increase to certain ports in the Hokkaido and Fuzhou. The services to places near Japanese waters continued as busy as during the previous term. In North and South China there was a brisk demand for Japanese mail and passengers, with the result that, on the outgoing voyages, the vessels always carried full cargoes, the steady rise in the price of silver on the Chinese market having stimulated Japan's export trade. On the return voyages shipments were comparatively brisk, notwithstanding the disastrous floods in Tientsin and neighbourhood, towards the close of the term, and the effects of the remarkable advance in silver. On the Vladivostok route the shipments from Japan showed a decrease, as did also the transshipments of goods from Europe and India, while on the return voy-ages shipments were equally small. On the Korean and Tientsin routes there was an improvement on the previous term. Passengers generally increased on all the routes.

European Service.—On the outgoing voyages there were large shipments from Japan, showing a remarkable increase in the shipment of heavy goods. In addition to the regular liners, the Company employed twelve chartered vessels. For the shipments from Japan the regular liners had to serve half their space, and the additional chartered vessels nearly the whole. Shipments from intermediate ports west of Shanghai were consequently small. On the homeward voyages shipments from England were comparatively small. In Singapore and the Transvaal, however, shipments showed a slight increase.

The chartered vessels, on their return voyage from England, called at New York and steamed back via Panama Canal. From New York there were large shipments for the Far East. Passengers on the regular liners generally increased. Since April last a change was introduced, and both on the outgoing and homeward voyages the regular liners, instead of proceeding to London and Middlesbrough, were allowed to call at Liverpool. The regular liners Shinkai Maru and Kasei Maru, of 10,000 tons each, were with the permission of the Tokio authorities, transferred from the European to the American service in October. On May 31st this year the liner Miyazaki Maru was wrecked and sunk by a German submarine in the English Channel. The war-time insurance on the ill-fated liner was £2,000,000, which sum the Company received on September 8th.

American Service.—On account of the scarcity of foreign vessels on the service, shipments from Japan by the Company's liners showed a considerable increase, and consequently these had to reserve the greater portion of their space. The shipments were so unusually large that the Company had to place five chartered vessels on the service. On the return voyage shipments during the early part of the term were abundant, but towards the close these showed a considerable decline, due to the enforcement by the Washington Government of the embargo on fabrics and other articles. The passengers between America and China declined, but those between America and Japan increased.

New York Service.—On the outgoing voyages shipments from Oriental ports were considerable, and the Company had to reserve the greatest portion of its space. On the return voyages the goods consigned to Vladivostok were voluminous.

South American Service.—During the term under review two regular liners were used in carrying Japanese emigrants to South America, these having previously been carried on chartered vessels. On the outgoing voyages the liners called at Singapore and the Cape, whence they sailed for South America. For the convenience of exporters the liners on the homeward voyage called at New York, where they loaded full cargoes, returning home via Panama.

A large number of Japanese emigrants were carried.

Australian Service.—On the outgoing voyages the liners carried full cargoes, because of the remarkable increase in the demand in Australia for Japanese articles. Besides the regular liners five chartered vessels were employed. On the return voyages shipments were small on account of the embargo of wool. The liners had, therefore, to call at Manila, Hongkong and other intermediate ports to secure cargoes. In August a labour strike occurred in Australia, this badly affected Japanese shipping. The passengers increased considerably. On the New Zealand route, which is a new line shipments on the outgoing voyages were brisk, but on the return voyages were nearly non-existent.

Indian Service.—On the Bombay route shipments from Japan were numerous, as for many months the route diminished considerably. In order to fill this gap in the shipping the Company placed five chartered vessels, in addition to the regular liners, on the return voyage. These were brisk shipments of Indian goods.

The mail sent is used for two purposes, cool uniform for sick officers, the old flannels for our cricketers and other payments for our "Palm" Concert Party, who give a weekly sketch in their programme.

I think that our every thing finds some use. The cool uniforms were gratefully received by the officers, and the old flannels for the cricketers, and the "Palm" Concert Party, who give a weekly sketch in their programme.

Needless to say the sweets and smokes were much appreciated. We're right in the desert far out of reach of shops and so every thing is doubly valued.

cotton, carried both by the regular and chartered vessels. Shipments of cotton to China and of cotton yarn fell off considerably, and there was a decline in the number of passengers. On the Calcutta route shipments were so numerous that in addition to the regular liners several chartered vessels were placed on the run, this being attributable to the steady growth of Japan's export trade to these countries. On the return voyages shipments were large. The passengers, however, fell off considerably.

General Business Conditions.—As a result of the scarcity of vessels and the consequent rise in the charterage, the Company made a larger profit than during the previous term. The net profit during the term amounted to Yen 28,341,000.

"SPURLOS VERSENKT." ONLY SURVIVOR OF A BRITISH SHIP TELLS A MOVING STORY.

The German policy of "spurlos versenken" (sinking without leaving a trace) is exemplified by the story told by K. Higo, a Japanese, the only survivor from a British steamer recently torpedoed. The vessel carried a crew of 23 in all, and Higo saw his comrades and officers die before his eyes. He said: "When the torpedo struck us just by the engine room there was a terrific explosion. No warning whatever had been given to us, and we had no time to launch the boats."

"Being a pretty good swimmer I swam out to a bit of the wreckage about 30 yards from the vessel and held on. I saw my comrades about me struggling in the water, and one by one they went beneath the surface."

"Shortly after we were hit the submarine came to the surface, but though we called out to them to come to our aid, they watched us down like rats. When all had been drowned save myself the submarine came towards me and took me off. My impression is that they would have let me go down also, but they wanted to ascertain the name of the vessel."

"They kept me aboard the submarine for 24 hours. I was subjected to insults, and they gave me pretty rough treatment. At the end of that time they put me off in a little cockle-shell boat, without food or drink. For two days I was in the little craft, having to endure terrible weather. When I was despairing of all hope and when my strength was fast fading, I was picked up by a passing vessel."

INTERCEPTED BY THE CENSOR.

Dear William, at the club last night somebody asked me, which was right—your sister's husband's name, I mean, is it Constantine or Constanten? As you now have them both in tow, I said I thought you're sure to know. Also, Does Sophie call him Con, and did he matriculate at Bonn?

I heard to-day by Reuters's wire that that fearful Ferdie left Sofia. Though some men with him in Cebenna, I suppose he's really Vienna.

Oh, by the way, a friend of mine, who's been a bit in his spare time, although I said you're sure to know, Asked me to jot this question down:

"Old Sultan—I forget his name. Would you think him much to blame if he ever fell into the phosphorous 'Deep, dark waters of the Bosphorus'?"

And a propos the Austrian boy, is "he" a source of pain or joy? We're all very anxious here to know whether he will or will not go.

I'm "so" afraid that at the feast you'll be the last, if not the least; And when the waiter brings the bill There'll be no one left to pay but Will.

So why not, while there's still time, "ra" And pretend to be a democrat; I know it's not much in your line But try it—best love, ever thine.

P. in "Bangkok Times."

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

HONGKONG AND CHINA DISTRICT.

Y.M.C.A. DIVISION.

Friday, 14th December:—8 p.m. Parade for inspection; full marching Order. Baggage for Camp to be sent to Divisional Headquarters not later than 8 a.m.

Saturday, 15th December:—10.30 a.m. Fall in at Head Quarters for Camp; full marching Order.

SAILING DIVISION.

Monday, 10th December:—4.30 p.m. Recruit Drill.

Wednesday, 12th December:—2.3 p.m. Band Practice.

Thursday, 13th December:—4.30 p.m. Recruit Drill.

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QUEEN'S COLLEGE DIVISION.

Thursday, 13th December:—4.30 p.m. Recruit Drill.

Friday, 14th December:—4.30 p.m. Squad and "Stretcher" Drill.

Saturday, 15th December:—4.30 p.m. "B" Section.

Monday, 16th December:—4.30 p.m. First Aid Class.

Tuesday, 17th December:—4.30 p.m. Squad Drill.

Thursday, 19th December:—4.30 p.m. First Aid Class.

Friday, 20th December:—1.40 p.m. Squad Drill.

On duty at the H.K.D. Camp. (Sd.) E. B. BARNES, District Supt. in Charge of District.

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Hongkong, Nov. 10, 1917.

TIENTSIN FLOODS.

THE STUDENTS of the UNIVERSITY invite you to their BAZAAR and ENTERTAINMENTS next Thursday and Friday, December 6th and 7th at the University.

The Proceeds will be for THE METROPOLITAN FLOOD RELIEF FUND.

BAZAAR 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on each day. Exhibition of Laboratories 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. CONCERT and PLAY (in English) Thursday, December 6th 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

"The Merchant of Venice" (in Cantonese) on Friday, December 7th, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Great Hall of the University.

Tickets of admission to the University in the Evening £1 each.

Millions of Chinese Families will starve this winter unless help is provided. The students of the University invite you to assist them to raise funds for the victims of the Tientsin Floods by coming to the Bazaar and Entertainment at the University on Thursday and Friday, December 6th and 7th.

Hongkong, Dec. 4, 1917.

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Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D. at Belcher's Battery.

MONDAY, 13th December—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company, D.R.F. Class only.
8.15 p.m.—Left Half Company, D.R.F. Class only.

TUESDAY, 14th instant—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company, Full Parade.
8.15 p.m.—Left Half Company, Full Parade.

THURSDAY, 15th instant—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company (Own numbers other than specialists).
8.15 p.m.—Left Half Company (Own numbers other than specialists).

FRIDAY, 16th instant—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company Layers' and Setters' Class only.
8.15 p.m.—Left Half Company Layers' and Setters' Class only.

Orders for Engineers Company by Captain W. Russell.

7th to 14th instant—
E. I. Manning, night at Belcher's and at Fort. Parades as per Rosters posted at Headquarters.

8.15 p.m.—Right Half Company Layers' and Setters' Class only.
8.15 p.m.—Left Half Company Layers' and Setters' Class only.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.
(For members of the Corps not in Camp on the dates mentioned.)
TUESDAY, 13th instant—
4.30 p.m.—"A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practice 5, 6, 7 and 8 at King's Park Range. Drill order with pouches.

WEDNESDAY, 14th instant—
4.30 p.m.—"A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practice 5, 6, 7 and 8 at King's Park Range. Drill order with pouches.

THURSDAY, 15th instant—
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FRIDAY, 16th instant—
4.30 p.m.—"A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practice 5, 6, 7 and 8 at King's Park Range. Drill order with pouches.

MONDAY, 19th instant—
4.30 p.m.—"A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practice 5, 6, 7 and 8 at King's Park Range. Drill order with pouches.

TUESDAY, 20th instant—
4.30 p.m.—"A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practice 5, 6, 7 and 8 at King's Park Range. Drill order with pouches.

WEDNESDAY, 21st instant—
4.30 p.m.—"A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practice 5, 6, 7 and 8 at King's Park Range. Drill order with pouches.

THURSDAY, 22nd instant—
4.30 p.m.—"A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practice 5, 6, 7 and 8 at King's Park Range. Drill order with pouches.

FRIDAY, 23rd instant—
4.30 p.m.—"A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practice 5, 6, 7 and 8 at King's Park Range. Drill order with pouches.

SATURDAY, 24th instant—
4.30 p.m.—"A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practice 5, 6, 7 and 8 at King's Park Range. Drill order with pouches.

SUNDAY, 25th instant—
4.30 p.m.—"A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, annual Musketry Course, Part 2. Practice 5, 6, 7 and 8 at King's Park Range. Drill order with pouches.

MONDAY, 10th instant—
5.15 p.m.—No. 1 Section, at Headquarters, under C. S. M. Cooke and Lance Serjt. Meade.

WEDNESDAY, 13th instant—
5.15 p.m.—New members joined since 1.9.17 at Headquarters under C. S. M. Cooke and Lance Serjt. Meade.

5.15 p.m.—Quarry Bay residents at Tai Koo Dock.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. Board, J.E.W.

MONDAY, 10th instant—
5.15 p.m.—Nos. 1 and 2 Sections at Headquarters.

WEDNESDAY, 13th instant—
5.15 p.m.—Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Yau-mai Football Ground.

5.15 p.m.—Gymnasium at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONGKONG.

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT, 9TH DECEMBER, 1917.

Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)
Matins (11 a.m.)

Responses: Ferial; Venite, Savage; Psalms, Crotch, Crotch, Crotch; Te Deum, Woodward, smart, Turle; Benedictus, Garrett; Hymns, 322, 49.

God Save the King.

Evening Prayer 6 p.m.
Responses: Ferial; Psalms, Dary, Pymar; Wallace; Magnificat, Cooke (16th evening); Nunc Dimittis, Rimbauld (16th morning); Hymns, 44, 54 (Tune 4).

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon.

Preacher: The Bishop of Victoria.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11 a.m.

Responses: Ferial; Venite, Savage; Psalms, XLIV Chant 88 and 87, XLV Chant 94 and 95, XLVI Chant 96; Te Deum, St. Jude; Benedictus, Barry, Chant 147; W.A. Hymns, 6, 367, 185, and 78.

God Save the King.

Evening Prayer 6 p.m.
Responses: Ferial; Psalms, XLVII Chant 180 W.A., XLVIII Chant 98 (Cath. Psalter); XLIX Chant 98 (Cath. Psalter); Magnificat, Chant 288 W.A.; Nunc Dimittis, Wesley; Hymns, 21, (Tune 13 A. and M.), 228, 292 and 305.

Vesper.
God Save the King.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.

Sunday Services, December 9th.
Morning Service at 11 a.m.—Hymns, 389, 528, 236, 104, 282.

Evening Service at 6 p.m.—Hymns, 188, 197, 270, 248.

Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

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Weekly Services: Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers only, 11 a.m.
Gospel Meeting, 6 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday, Bible study, 8 p.m.
Friday, Ladies' Bible study, 5.30 p.m.
Saturday, Prayer Meeting, p.m.

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Sunday Morning Service, 10.15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 6.15 p.m.

Soldiers and Sailors Home.

Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

Beef Sirloin—Mei Lung Pa... 21.
Prime Cut... 21.
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk... 20.
Roast—Shiu... 20.
Brust—Ngau Nam... 18.
Soup—Tong Yuk... 16.
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa... 20.
Steak Sirloin—Ngau Lan... 20.
Sausages—Ngau Cheung... 16.
No. 1... 16.

Bullock's Brains—Ngau Lan per set... 9.
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Lan each 45.
Tongue, corned—Ham Ngau Lan each 60 cents.

Head—Ngau Tau... each 80.
Heart—Ngau Sam... lb. 13.
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kiu... lb. 18.
Kidney—Ngau Kiu... lb. 12.
Liver—Ngau Kiu... lb. 12.
Tail—Ngau Mei... lb. 18.
Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To lb. 8.

Calves Head and Feet—Ngau Tai... set \$1.00.
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pui Kwai lb. 26.
Leg—Yeung Pui... 26.
Shoulder—Yeung Shau... 24.
Saddle—Yeung On Yuk... 16.
Pig's Chindings—Chu Chong... 4.
Brains—Chu No... per set 3.
Feet—Chu Kiu... lb. 14.
Fly—Chu Chap... 20.
Head—Chu Tau... 18.
Heart—Chu Sam... each 10.
Kidneys—Chu Yiu... each 10.
Liver—Chu Kiu... lb. 30.
Pork Chop—Chu Pui Kwai... 24.
Leg—Chu Pui... 28.
Lois—Chu Hui Tap... 28.
Fat or Lard—Chu Yau... 21.
Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tai Kiu... set 60.
Heart—Yeung Sam... each 8.
Kidneys—Yeung Yiu... each 12.
Liver—Yeung Kiu... lb. 28.
Sucking Pig, to order—Chu Tai... 20.
Suet, Beef—Shang Ngau Yau... 20.
Mutton—Shang Yeung Yau... 28.
Veal—Ngau Tai Yuk... 20.
Sausages—Ngau Tai Chong... No. 1... lb. 20.
Lard—Chu Yau... 15.

Fish.

Barbel—Ha Ya... lb. 28.
Bream—Pin Yu... 18.
Canton Fresh Water Fish... 18.
Hoi Sio Yu... 18.
Carp—Li Yu... 22.
Catfish—Chi Yu... 14.
Codfish—Man Yu... 18.
Crabs—Hoi... 18.
Cuttle Fish—Mak Yu... 18.
Dab—Sha Mang Yu... 32.
Dace—Wong Mei Lap... 10.
Dog Fish—Tit To Shu... 10.
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man... 14.
Fresh water—Tam Shui Yu... 18.
Mullet—Hoi Yu... 24.
Eggs—Tin Kai... 38.

Grouper—Shek Pan... 44.
Gudgoun—Pak Kap Ya... 17.
Harrings—Tao Pak... 22.
Habitat—Cheung Kwan Kap... 22.
Labrus—Wu Yu Yu... 20.
Loach—Wu Yu Yu... 20.
Lobsters—Lung He... 22.
Mackerel—Chi Yu... 22.
Milk Fish—Mong Yu... 24.
Mullet—Hoi Yu... 18.
Oysters—Hoi Yu... 18.
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu... 18.
Pomfret—Tao Lo... 18.
Pike—Fa Pau Fong... 18.
Plaice—Pan Yu... 18.
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong... 28.
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong... 32.
Prawns—Ming He... 34.
Ray—Pai Pa Sha... 10.
Rock Fish—Shek Kiu Kung... 15.
Roach—Yun Yu... 14.
Shrimp—Ma Yu... 32.
Shrimp—Po Yu... 8.
Shrimp—Ha... 28.
Snappers—Lap Yu... 24.
Sole—Tao Sha Yu... 28.
Tench—Wai Yu... 18.
Turbot—Tao Hui Yu... 28.
Turtles, small, fresh water—Kau Yu... 80.

Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Tai... lb. 10.
Capon—Kai Tai... lb. 10.
Lapone—Large—Sin Kiu... 36.
Duck—Hoi Yu... 24.
Pigeons—Pan Kiu... 18.
Eggs—Hoi Yu... 18.
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Cecilia—Nga... 25.
Pigeons—Canton—Pak Kap... each 30.
Hohow—Hoi Hau Pak Kap... each 24.
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung lb. 60.
Turkeys, Hen—Fo Kai Na... 60.
Snipe—Sha Tsui... each 22.
Pheasant—Shun Kai... 22.
Quail—Um Chun... 22.
Partridges—Che Ka... 22.

FRUITS.

Almonds—Hong Yan... lb. 35.
Apples, (California)—Kam Shan... 18.
Bananas, (bridge's) Macao—San... 11.
Carambola—Young To... 11.
Cocoanuts—T. The... each 10.
Lemons, China—Ling Ma... lb. 8.
Lemons, America—Sam Shan... 7.
Lichees, Dried, (small stone)... 29.
Oranges, (Canton), (Sweet)... 29.
Pears, (Canton), (looking)—Sha Li... 10.
Peanuts—Fa Shang... 10.
Persimmons, Large—Hong Tao... 13.
Plantain—Tai Chi... 09.
Pumelo, Siam—Taim Lo Yau... each 11.
Walnuts—Hop To... lb. 14.
Grapes—Po Tai Ts... 28.

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes—Ah Chi Cheuk... each 4.
Beans, Sprout—Nga Tsai... lb. 4.
Long—Tau Kok... 9.
Beet Root—Hong Tai Tau... 8.
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa... 7.
Brinjal, Green—Ching Yau Kwa... 5.
Red—Hong Ke... 5.
Cabbage Chinese, (common)... 8.
Shanghai—Yu Tao... 16.
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shun... 16.
Cauliflower (Large)—Yu Tsai Fajench... (Medium)... 16.
Carrots—Kam Shui... lb. 8.
Celery, Chinese—Yong Kan Tsai... 9.
Chillies, Dried—Kau Tai Chi... 25.
Rod—Hung Fa Chir... 12.
Green—Ching Lat Chiu... 6.
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Li Chiu Liu... lb. 10.
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa... each 2.
Garlic—Yon Tau... lb. 8.
Ginger, young—Sun Tse Keung... 10.
Ginger, old—Lo Kung... 10.
Horseradish, Shanghai—Luk Kan... 45.
Indian Corn—Shuk Mai... each 06.
Lettuce—Yeung Shang Tsai... each 1.
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai... lb. 8.
Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Tso Ka... lb. 5.
Okra... lb. 10.
Onions, Bombay—Yeung Chong Tai... 8.
Onions, Green—Shang Chung... 6.
Onions, Shanghai—Sheng Hoi... 6.
Parsley—Kun Tai... 12.30.
Potato, Sweet—Fao Shu... 3.
Pumpkin—Tung Kwa... lb. 3.
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tai... 6.
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong... 7.
Shallots—Kong Chong Tau... 7.
Spinach—Yin Tai... 4.
Tomatoes—Fan Yu... 8.
Turnips—Wu Tau... 4.
Turnips, Fungi, (Long)—Lo Pak... 4.
Vegetable Marrow—Tait Kwa... 5.
Water Cress—Sai Tseung Tai... 15.
Lily root—Liu Ngau... 5.
Yams—Tai Shu... 9.

Weather Report.

December 8d. 12h. 03m.—No returns from northern stations. Pressure has decreased moderately along the south coast of China and slightly in other districts. The anticyclone has weakened. The monsoon will remain fresh over the N. China Sea, and will probably set in again along the east coast of China to-morrow.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 80.34 inches, against an average of 82.24 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 9th December—
1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fine.
2.—Formosa Channel? N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock: The same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN HONGKONG.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of Dec. 1917.

Date	Ends	Begin
Dec. 8th	6.40 a.m.	5.50 p.m.
" 9th	6.40	5.50
" 10th	6.41	5.51
" 11th	6.41	5.51
" 12th	6.41	5.51
" 13th	6.42	5.52
" 14th	6.42	5.52
" 15th	6.43	5.53
" 16th	6.43	5.53
" 17th	6.43	5.53
" 18th	6.44	5.54
" 19th	6.44	5.54
" 20th	6.45	5.55
" 21st	6.45	5.55
" 22nd	6.46	5.56
" 23rd	6.46	5.56
" 24th	6.47	5.57
" 25th	6.47	5.57
" 26th	6.48	5.58
" 27th	6.48	5.58
" 28th	6.49	5.59
" 29th	6.49	5.59
" 30th	6.50	6.00
" 31st	6.50	6.00

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 8, 1917.—a.m.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1890-1916.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean low water.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge, add the tide height in feet and 4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 8th to 10th, 1917.

WATER TABLE.

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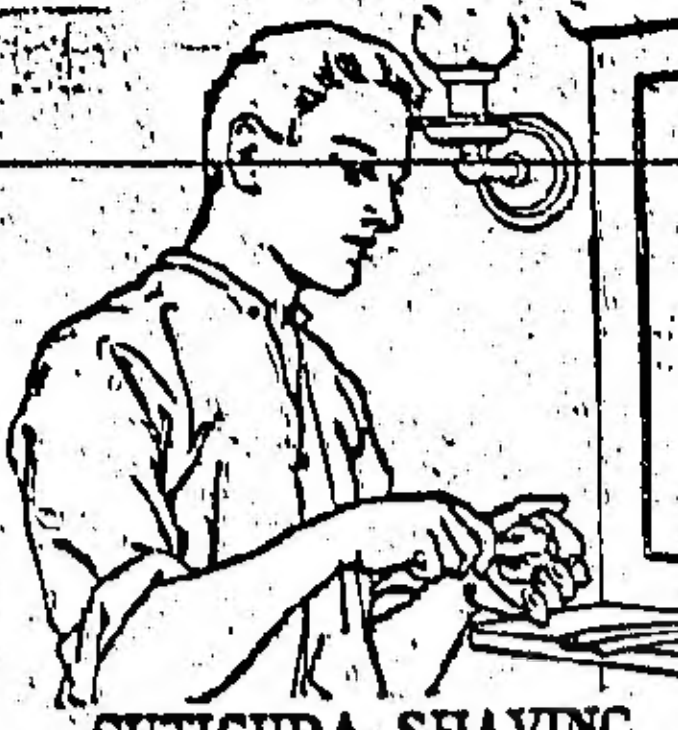
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